

Human Rights Commission - Agenda

Date: Thursday, June 20, 2024

Time: 8:00 PM

Location: 27 Maple Street, HHS Conference Room, 2nd Floor

Conducted by Hybrid (Remote and In-Person)

1. Attend in person in the 2nd Floor HHS Conference Room at the Community Center (Senior Center), 20 Academy Street/27 Maple Street. Registration not required for in-person attendance.

2. *Notice to the Public on meeting privacy* In the interests of preventing abuse of videoconferencing technology (i.e. Zoom Bombing) all participants, including members of the public, wishing to engage via the Zoom App must register for each meeting and will notice multi-step authentication protocols. Further, members of the public who wish to participate without providing their name may still do so by registering to receive the meeting info and using the telephone dial in information provided.

When: Jun 20, 2024 08:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
Register in advance for this meeting: https://town-arlington-ma-us.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEud-6qrDkjG9Aq65ovBoYXTbl44slGRklC

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

On March 29, 2023, Governor Healey signed into law a supplemental budget bill that extends the temporary provisions pertaining to the Open Meeting Law to March 31, 2025. Specifically, this extension allows public bodies to continue holding meetings remotely without a quorum of the public body being physically present at a meeting location and to provide "adequate, alternative" access to remote meetings. The language does not make any substantive changes to the Open Meeting Law other than extending the expiration date of the temporary provisions regarding remote meetings from March 31, 2023, to March 31, 2025.

https://www.mass.gov/service-details/updated-guidance-on-holding-meetings-pursuant-to-the-act-extending-certain-covid-19-measures

Agenda

- 1) Remote Meeting Notice and Land Acknowledgement (3 min)
- 2) Review of May 16, 2024 Monthly Meeting Minutes (3 min)
- 3) Community Input (up to 2 minutes per speaker) (10 min)
- 4) DEI Updates (5 min)
 - a) Budget Update
 - b) Open Meeting Law Training Update

- 5) Co-Chairs Report (15 min)
 - a) APD Meeting with Chief Flaherty
 - b) Process updates
 - c) Propose agenda topics in advance
 - i) Revised incident handling rotation
 - d) Meeting with DEI Co-Chairs
 - e) Update on Hingham Statement
 - f) End of Co-Chair Term
 - g) Annual Retreat Discussion
 - i) Two-hour session replacing a summer monthly meeting
 - ii) Proposed Agenda
 - (1) AHRC Bylaws (Town Counsel)
 - (2) Discussion re: navigating AHRC role & relevance in the town (professional facilitator)
 - (3) Transparency
 - (a) Meeting materials
 - (b) Recordings/transcripts
 - (4) Work expectations
 - (a) Role clarity (budgeting? single points-of-contact w/DEI office and for events)
- 6) Incidents & Complaints (10 min)
 - a) Commissioner Updates
 - b) APD Updates
- 7) Working Group Updates (30 min)
 - a) Schools & Education (Commissioner Grossman)
 - b) Outreach / Events (Commissioner Bauer)
 - i) Next Coffee Chat: Rajeev & Kevin
 - c) Communications (Commissioner Pusey)
 - d) Training (Commissioners Scott Jones and Griffin Jones)
 - i) Conflict Resolution Training Opportunity
 - e) Religious Tolerance (Commissioners Scott Jones and Hira Ambreen)
 - i) Mandate / Commitment
 - ii) Plans / Roadmap
 - iii) Community Involvement
- 8) MAHRC Update (Commissioner Soneja) (5 min)
- 9) Announcements (5 min)
- 10) Adjournment

Next meeting: Wednesday, July 17, 2024, 8:00 PM

Anyone needing accessibility information or assistance to attend this meeting should contact Tim Ross at tross@town.arlington.ma.us. This meeting is open to all interested individuals.